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Office Action Summary

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Paul Callahan

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-19, 21-29, 31, 32, 34, 36 and 39-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-19, 21-29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 39-52 and 54 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 November 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 16, 2007 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-28, and 31-38 were pending in the instant application at the time of the previous Office Action, mailed November 6, 2006. By the latest amendment filed with the Request for Continued Examination, claims 30, 33, 35, 37, and 38 are cancelled, and new claims 39-54 added. Therefore claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-29, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 39-54 are pending and have been examined.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on November 2, 2006. These drawings are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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5. Claim 53 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 53 recites the limitation "the second value" in line 10.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claim 53 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Arthan, US 6,754,349.

As for claim 53, Arthan teaches an apparatus comprising a processor and instructions configured to cause the processor to: receive, from a client, information and a value of a set of values (col. 1 lines 20-23), the information being encrypted using a key (col. 1 lines 20-25), the key able to be derived using the values of the set and a predefined relationship between the values (col. 1 lines 19-22, col. 2 lines 5-35); store the information and the value, but not all the values of the set (col. 1 lines 19-22, col. 2

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lines 5-35); transmit, to a delegate, the information and the value (col. 1 lines 19-22, col. 2 lines 5-35); and delete or deny access to the second value in response to a trigger, the trigger being a client instruction, a time limit, a request from the delegate, or a security breach (the Examiner has read the final limitation of a "trigger" as a disjunctive list based on the final use of the word "or" in the sentence. Arthan teaches a trigger in the form of an instruction from a client in fig. 2 element 27, and col. 3 lines 20-30 where a recovery message is sent by a client).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-29, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 39-52, and 54 are allowed.

9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter have been presented in a previous Office Action mailed Nov. 6, 2006. Those reasons are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference to the previous Office Action. The Applicant is referred to the previous Office Action for the text of those reasons for allowance.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-8300.

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